

**POLICY DRIVEN AUTOMATION – SPECIFYING EQUIVALENT RESOURCES**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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An autonomic computing system and method store a set of resource equivalencies in memory, select at least one resource equivalency from the set of resource equivalencies, and use the selected at least one resource equivalency for operating the selected resource as required by an autonomic computing system. The set of equivalent resources can contain a plurality of physically distinct resources that are logically equivalent. Resources are added or removed from the set automatically. Equivalent sets can be nested within an equivalent set.

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